

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 112025-0484

First Inventor Maurizio Portolani et al.

Title SPANNING TREE LOOP GUARD

Express Mail Label No. EL 705606839 US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 24 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the invention  
- Brief Summary of the invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6 ]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2 ]  
a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

**ADDRESS TO:**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS**

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment,  
or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: \_\_\_\_ /

Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_

Group / Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied  
under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.  
The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Label

(Insert C



et here)

or ☐ Correspondence address below

Name	Michael R. Reinemann					
	PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					
Address	Cesari and McKenna					
	88 Black Falcon Avenue					
City	Boston	State	MA	Zip Code	02210	
Country	U. S. A.	Telephone	(617) 951-2500	Fax	(617) 951-3927	

Name (Print/Type)	Michael R. Reinemann	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,280
Signature		Date	December 7, 2001

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any  
comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Maurizio Portolani et al.
Title	SPANNING TREE LOOP GUARD
Atty Docket Number	112025-0484

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

December 7, 2001

Date



Signature

Michael R. Reinemann, Reg. No 38,280

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

**Burden Hour Statement:** This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is used by the public to request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (and the PTO to process that request). Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

## Complete if Known

Application Number	Not yet assigned
Filing Date	December 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Maurizio Portolani et al.
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket No.	112025-0484

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 780

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Account Number 03-1237

Deposit Account Name Cesari and McKenna, LLP

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

#### Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Fee Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English Specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	128	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design Issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant Issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					
SUBTOTAL (3)					40

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740 201	370 Utility filing fee	740
106	330 206	165 Design filing fee	
107	510 207	255 Plant filing fee	
108	740 208	370 Reissue filing fee	
114	160 214	80 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			740

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
15	20**	0	0
Independent Claims	2	3**	0
Multiple Dependent			0


Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18 203	9 Claims in excess of 20	
102	84 202	42 Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280 204	140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84 209	42 **Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18 210	9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

## SUBMITTED BY

## Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Michael R. Reinemann	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,280	Telephone	(617) 951-2500
Signature		Date	December 7, 2001		

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Office, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC

In Re The Application of:  
Maurizio Portolani et al.  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
Filed: December 7, 2001  
For: SPANNING TREE LOOP GUARD

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

### **EXPRESS-MAIL DEPOSIT**

The following papers are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.10:

U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)